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NEW ROADS AND RAILROADS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BOHEMIAN FORESTS GET NEW ROUTES -- Borba, No 121, 23 May 49

Zavidovici -- Extensions of old roads and railroad lines, and new ones totalling 35 kilometers, are being built in various lumber camps of the "Krivaja" forest enterprise in Bosnia to facilitate the removal of wood and to permit the exploitation of new sections of the forest. The new roads will be particularly useful for removing beech, which is perishable and must be shipped out as quickly as possible.

A 6-kilometer road suitable for tractors, now being built in the territory of the Carva Suprija lumbering district leading to the Humjer lumber camp, will be finished by 25 May. In this camp, about 50,000 cubic meters of beech logs are awaiting shipment. The new road will permit all the beech wood to be shipped out by the end of June. This will not be too late, as the camp is in a mountain district and the logs have been rolled into a trench where they are protected from heat and the sun.

An 8-kilometer forest railroad under construction in the Olovo lumbering district will be finished in October, and another has been completed in the Begov Han district leading to the Pepelari lumber camp. A new section of the latter line, 3 kilometers long, is now under construction. When it is complete, some 10,000 cubic meters of soft wood will be shipped to the sawmill.

A 6-kilometer truck road is being built in the Han - Pijesak district, the largest district under jurisdiction of the enterprise, connecting the Kuti and Preljubovici lumber camps. This road will be finished by the end of August.

In the Gostovici district, 4 kilometers of railroad are being built between the Predasnica lumber camp and the railroad line across Ravna Gora. This important spur will connect the large Gostovici beech forest, which has never been exploited, with the main forest transport artery.

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POSTWAR RAILROAD BUILDING EXCEEDS PREWAR -- Njiva, No 23, Apr 49

On 15 April, the last section of the new double-track railroad line between Belgrade and Zagreb was opened to traffic.

Since the war, about 1,400 kilometers of new railroad and more than 100 new railroad stations have been built in Yugoslavia, in addition to the reconstruction of the old lines destroyed during the war. Only 1,102 kilometers of new line were built during the 22-year history of prewar Yugoslavia, or about 50 kilometers per year.

Nearly 650 kilometers of railroad line were built in Yugoslavia during 1948 alone. Yugoslav Army units participated in many of the railroad construction projects.

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